REMARKS

Claims 4 and 6-8 are present in the instant application. In the most recent Office Action, claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,674,873 to Donescu, et al. (hereinafter, "Donescu"). As amended above, claims 1-3 and 5 are cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice to their subsequent presentation in this or a continuing application. New claims 7 and 8 are presented. Claims 7 and 8 are fully supported throughout the specification as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Applicant notes that claims 7 and 8 are drafted without recourse to 35 U.S.C. § 112, sixth paragraph.
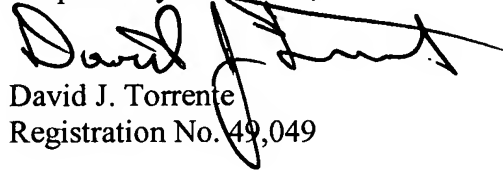
On the merits of the claims, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection, for at least the following reasons. As recited in claims 4 and 6, an electronic watermark detection apparatus comprising, *inter alia*, an electronic watermark data accumulating means for accumulating said statistical similarity for a predetermined time interval to produce an accumulated addition value, and determining means for determining whether or not said electronic watermark data is detected by comparing said accumulated addition value with a predetermined threshold value. Claims 7 and 8 each recite an electronic watermark detection apparatus comprising, *inter alia*, an electronic watermark data accumulator for accumulating said statistical similarity for a predetermined time interval to produce an accumulated addition value and a determining unit for determining whether or not said electronic watermark data is detected by comparing said accumulated value with a predetermined threshold value. The specification details that a where a watermark having a weak strength is inserted, the accumulation of watermark data and the detection based upon the accumulated addition value improves the detection precision (p. 38, lines 12-16).

In contrast to the claimed invention, Donescu discloses that a correlation $C = \Sigma\left(dc_i^* \cdot w_i\right)$ between the sub-image to be processed and the pseudo-random signal W is calculated (step E501), and then this value is compared to a decision threshold SD (step E502). *See*, Donescu, Col. 14, lines 3-6. As disclosed in Donescu, the watermark is accumulated in the block within one single frame. However, Donescu neither teaches nor suggests accumulation of the statistical similarity over a predetermined time interval, as recited in the present claims.

The standard for anticipation is well settled by the Courts. "As we have repeatedly stated, anticipation requires that each limitation of a claim must be found in a single reference." *Teleflex, Inc. v. Ficosa North American Corp.*, 299 F.3d 1313, 63 USPQ2d 1374 (Fed. Cir. 2002). As illustrated above, Donescu fails to teach or suggest each and every limitation of the present claims. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are patentable distinguished over Donescu, and that the rejection has been obviated. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is kindly requested.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims recite patentable subject matter, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowability is kindly solicited.

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